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For: SECONDARY BATTERY WITH AN IMPROVED SAFETY

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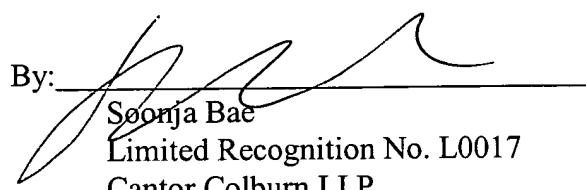
Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby claim the benefits of the filing date of July 11, 2003 to Korean Patent Application No. 10-2003-0047261 and the filing date of July 31, 2003 to Korean Patent Application No. 10-2003-0053060 under provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119 and the International Convention for the protection of Industrial Property.

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